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The Atlantic League of Professional Baseball Clubs, Inc. Announces Final Approval of Ownership Groups and Cities

Atlantic City, New Jersey - The Atlantic League of Professional Baseball Clubs, Inc., organized in April, 1995, today announced the six cities/regions and ownership groups that will begin play in May, 1997. The announcement was made by Frank Boulton, Chief Executive Officer of the Atlantic League, following a directors' meeting held this morning. The league also announced that the expansion process will begin immediately and that two additional groups/cities will be added to begin play in 1998.

The following are the cities/regions and ownership groups granted final approval by the League:

CITY/REGION	OWNERSHIP GROUP	DIRECTOR
Albany, NY	Albany Senators Professional Baseball Club, Inc.	Fred Field/Doc Edwards
Atlantic City, NJ	Atlantic City Professional Baseball Club, Inc.	Frank Boulton/Anton Rosenthal
Lehigh Valley, PA	David Elmore	Bob Goughan
Long Island, NY	Long Island Ducks Professional Baseball Club, Inc.	Frank Boulton/Bud Harrelson
Maryland	Maryland Baseball Limited Partnership	Peter Kirk
Newark, NJ	Newark Bears Professional Baseball Club, Inc.	Rick Cerone

The Atlantic League also announced that the League will play a 100 game schedule in 1997 and expand to a 140 game schedule in 1998 with the addition of two cities. Applications are now available for interested cities and ownership groups. Boulton indicated that several cities have already requested expansion applications and that the expansion committee will make its decision later this year.

Some Atlantic League Facts:

- Frank Boulton: CEO of the Atlantic League, has owned three minor league teams: the Wilmington Blue Rocks, the Albany-Colonie Yankees and the Prince William Cannons.
- David Elmore: Presently owns five minor league teams: the Colorado Sky Sox, the Birmingham Barons, the San Antonio Missions, the San Bernardino Spirit and the Eugene Emeralds.
- Peter Kirk: Chairman of Maryland Baseball Limited Partnership. Maryland Baseball operates the Bowie Baysox, the Frederick Keys and the ^{Delmarva}~~Salisbury~~ Shorebirds.
- Bud Harrelson: President of the Atlantic League and Director of Player Development. Thirty-four years with the New York Mets Organization as a player, coach, scout and manager.
- Rick Cerone: Former Major League catcher with both the New York Yankees and New York Mets. Presently WPIX color commentator for the 1996 Yankees broadcasts.
- Doc Edwards: Presently Major League scout with the Arizona Diamondbacks. Doc was a former Major League player, manager of the Cleveland Indians and bench coach for the New York Mets.
- Bob Goughan: Bob is currently President and General Manager of the Triple-A Colorado Springs Sky Sox. Bob was formerly the G.M. in Rochester, New York and brings over twenty years of minor league baseball experience to the Atlantic League.